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	10/587,054	PEARSON ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Rita J. Desai	1625	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 April 2010.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 3-11, 14-16, 18-21 and 24-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 24-30 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 3-11, 14-16 and 18-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election with traverse of Group I and Group III in the reply filed on 4/28/10 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that Group I should include all the variations a for R1 and R2 and R3 as given in claim 3 as the examiner has not given any reason why the groups are distinct, or burdensome. This is not found persuasive because when a preliminary search of formula I was done it gave numerous iterations, However the claims 3-11, 14-16, 18-21 as amended are now under examination..

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL..

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

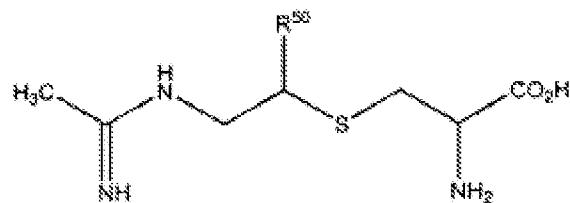
(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 3-11,14-16,18-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Garvey et al US 20030199529 and all the various documents cited in the specifications on pages

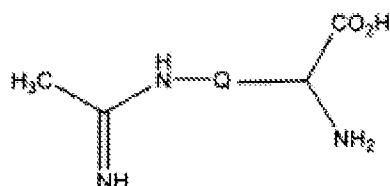
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11-13 of the specifications. And Wang 2002.

inhibitors described in US pat 6,355,689:



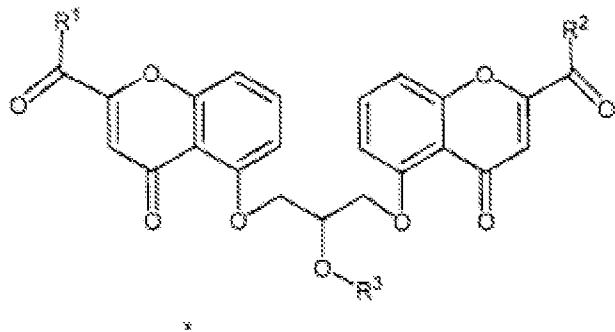
wherein R⁵⁰ is chosen from C₁ to C₈ alkyl, C₁ to C₄ cycloalkyl, C₁ to C₄ hydroxalkyl and C₁ to C₈ haloalkyl or US patent 5,863,931:



wherein Q is chosen from -CH₂CH=CHCH₂- , -(CH₂)_pV(CH₂)_q- , -O- , -NR⁵¹- and -(CH₂)_rT(CH₃)_s- ; p is 2 or 3; q is 1 or 2; V is S(O)_x; x is 0, 1 or 2; R⁵¹ is H or C₁₋₆ alkyl; r is 1 or 2; s is 1 or 2; and T is cyclobutyl, phenyl or pyridyl. Other iNOS inhibitors useful as parent structures in the instant invention may be found in US patents 6,451,821; 5,132,453; 5,830,917; 5,684,008; 6,207,708; 6,344,473; 6,143,790; 5,866,612; 6,369,272; 6,552,052; 6,495,544; 6,403,830; 5,629,322; 6,110,930; 6,228,866; 6,274,557; 6,432,947; 6,451,821; 5,449,688; 5,723,451; 5,854,251; 5,863,931; 5,889,056; 5,919,787; 5,945,408; 5,972,940; 5,981,511; 6,355,689; 6,423,705; 6,586,474 and 6,465,686; in US published applications 20030013702; 20020037927; 20020049202; 20030119826; 20020022631; 20020198243; 20030064978; 20030195256; 20030207896; 20030109522; 20040087653; in PCT applications WO99/62875; WO99/628785; WO01/78719; WO01/65748;

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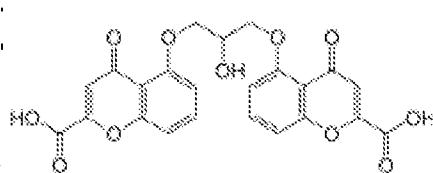
Applicants claims are drawn to compounds of the formula



with R1, R2 and R3 as different groups

which are iNOS inhibitors. The groups have many different structures as can be seen by the claim.

Scope & Content of Prior Art MPEP 2141.01



Garvey discloses similar cromonyl core (

which are

mast cell stabilizers) which are attached to the NO inhibitors. These also treat asthma.

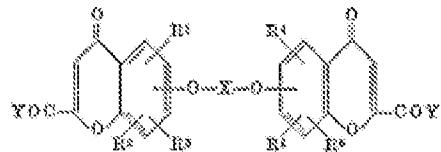
Also see page 2.

[0009] Therefore, one aspect of the invention provides a compound comprising a steroid, a β -agonist, an anticholinergic, a mast cell stabilizer or a PDE inhibitor to which is directly or indirectly linked at least one NO or NO_2 group or a group which stimulates the enzyme phosphodiesterase or EDNRB in vivo. The groups can be linked through sites such as oxygen (hydroxyl condensation), sulfur (sulfhydryl condensation), carbon and nitrogen.

The various documents cited in the specifications from page 11-13 teach many of the R1-R3 substituents which stimulates production of NO.

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Johnson (cited in the IDS) teaches similar compounds for treating asthma



Wang teaches that iNOS may contribute to the NO production and regulate Na⁺ and HCO₃⁻ transport activity and thus in turn help in the treatment of Asthma.

(27). These observations support the view that NO upregulates proximal tubule transport under physiological conditions. Although it is not clear what fraction of total NO is produced by individual NO isozymes, the acute inhibition of iNOS by a selective inhibitor and knockout of iNOS reduced Na⁺ and HCO₃⁻ absorption, indicating that iNOS may contribute to the NO produced in the proximal tubule and regulate Na⁺ and HCO₃⁻ transport activity.

Prima Facie Obviousness , Rational and Motivation MPEP 2142-2413

One of skill in the art of drug design would be motivated to attach directly or indirectly various groups that would stimulate the production of NO, according to Garvey et al , and Wang's teaching that iNOS does play a +ve role in the treatment of Asthma, would have been motivated to make compounds which were directly or indirectly attached to a NO inhibitor.

Conclusion

Claims 3-11,14-16,18-21 are rejected.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rita J. Desai whose telephone number is 571-272-0684. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, flex time..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Janet Andres can be reached on 571-272-0867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1625

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